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**FROM THE EDITOR**

**PAT OWEN**

Now the weather has returned to normal for early autumn with falling temperatures, blustery winds and swimming in the North Sea on October 2<sup>nd</sup> a fading memory, I have no excuse but to sit at the computer and prepare your next newsletter.

If you've been away over the summer I trust you had good times and managed some enjoyable cycle rides.

On behalf of the committee, may I thank the 3 members who asked for details about serving on cycling forums, in response to earlier pleas in earlier newsletters – see article giving more information on forums.

This is the last newsletter before the AGM, details of which follow, so do note the date and venue and let us know if you have items you would like included on the final agenda.

**Reminder: Let us know if you wish to receive your newsletter via email/website. It saves the group both time and money.  
New rides list will be published and distributed separately.**

**NEW TEA ROOMS**

**VERONICA BROWN**

**(you know the old joke about CTC standing for Coffee, Tea and Cakes? Well.....)**

Did you know about the new tea room in Southill? When I discovered it, it had been opened for 5 weeks and I was interested to see what had happened to the old post office. You wouldn't know it. The shop has been set against the walls, which makes room for 4 tables with 12 seats inside, with 3 tables outside for warmer days.

Sue and Becky have an interesting menu which they alter according to season. We were very pleased with the prices, which beat the other place we go to in the area.

They are closed on Mondays, but open Tuesday to Sunday until 4 pm. See you there!

(I highly recommend the scones!  
– Editor)

## **85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RIDE TO KIRBY HALL**

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As you see, 6 members took part in the ride from Oundle to Kirby Hall and on to the village of Gretton, where they enjoyed a picnic on the green – the weather had improved on the way, and was sunny and warm by the time they reached Gretton. Following a welcome drink in the local pub, they headed back to Oundle. Your intrepid

editor cycled from Bedford, starting out about 6 am and met the others in Oundle for the official start – she was grateful for a lift back to Bedford, though believing that 60 miles was quite enough for one day!

## **AGM 2011**

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This will take place on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. A draft agenda has been prepared and will include: Minutes of the 2010 AGM, Matters arising,

Secretary's report, Statement of accounts, Resolutions/Motions, Election of officers, AOB (includes item on website).

## **CYCLE FORUMS**

## **VERONICA BROWN/NEVILLE HOBDAY**

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Forums have been established by local authorities and others in Bedfordshire. In Bedford, the strategy group meets about every 2 months. Veronica and Peter Blakeman (CCNB) attend. Currently they are working on a project called Green Wheel, to improve the existing network of traffic free paths and quiet routes for cyclists and walkers around Bedford and add new routes, linking parks, nature reserves, countryside and homes. Those interested in the forum should contact the cycling officer: [patrick.lingwood@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:patrick.lingwood@bedford.gov.uk).

Central Beds forum meets 3 or 4 times a year and includes CTC Right to Ride reps (appointed and organised by CTC HQ). Contact: [steve.lakin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:steve.lakin@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk).

The three other forums in the area are:

Leighton Linlade, Chair Peter Bate: [pccbate@btopenworld.com](mailto:pccbate@btopenworld.com)

Luton and Dunstable, Chair Robin Cowan: [robin.cowan@gbelster.com](mailto:robin.cowan@gbelster.com)

Ivel Valley, Chair Cllr Nigel Aldis: [Nigel.Aldis@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Nigel.Aldis@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk).